

**SLHTS MEMBERS: IF YOU MADE A RESERVATION AT FAIRBRIDGE INN PRIOR TO JULY 1, 2014, YOU MUST CALL AND REBOOK WITH THE LADYSMITH MOTEL AND SUITES 715.532.6650. THE MOTEL WAS SOLD, RENAMED, AND ALL RESERVATIONS WERE LOST DUE TO A COMPUTER CRASH. YOU WILL NOT HAVE A ROOM IF YOU DON'T CALL AND REBOOK.**



## **TENTATIVE SCHEDULE FOR 2014 SLHTS CONVENTION**

### **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2014**

**All events this evening will be held at the Rusk County Community Public Library - 418 W. Corbett Ave.**

- 5:00 - 9:30 PM            Registration at the Library
- 6:00 - 7:00 PM            Meet & Greet with hors d'oeuvres
- 7:15 - 8:00 PM            **Interest Session # 1 - Depots and Railroads of Rusk County** - John Terrill, SLHTS member, retired editor of the **LADYSMITH NEWS**, and president of the Rusk County Historical Society. John's historical knowledge of Ladysmith and Rusk County would lead you to believe that he is a native of this area of Wisconsin, but he was born and raised in Green Bay, WI. John will provide a great preview of what you will see on tomorrow's all day motor coach bus tour.
- 8:00 - 9:45 PM            Sharing of Slides - SLHTS Members - a projector will be provided (load your slides in a Kodak Carousel if you have them or you can use a stack loader that will be provided.)
- 10:00 - 11:30 PM        A continuation of slide sharing at the Ladysmith Motel & Suites for those interested.

### **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2014**

- 6:00 - 7:00 AM            Registration - **St. John's Lutheran Church - 515 W. College Ave.**
- 6:15 - 7:30 AM            Plated Warm Breakfast at St. John's Lutheran Church
- 7:45 - 7:55 AM            Motor coach buses load at Ladysmith Motel & Suites, AmericInn Lodge & Suites, and the Rusk County Community Public Library.
- 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM        **Interest Session # 2 - Motor Coach Bus Tour** - On this all day tour we will visit former Soo Line Railroad depots in Hawkins, Sheldon, Weyerhaeuser, Barron, Strickland (now a bar on Bass Lake), and Ladysmith. We'll also have an opportunity to see frac sand operations along the former Soo Line Barron Sub. A plated lunch will be served in Weyerhaeuser.
- 4:45 - 5:15 PM            Free shuttle bus service between the two convention motels and **Tee A Way Golf and Steakhouse - 14-1 E. 11th St. N, Ladysmith**
- 5:30 - 6:45 PM            Traditional Friday fish dinner with a cash bar.
- 7:00 - 8:30 PM            Registration at the Library

- 6:45 - 7:15 PM Free shuttle bus service between the Tee A Way and convention motels. (You'll have to drive or walk to the library 418 W. Corbett Ave. for Interest Session #3 at 7:30 p.m.)
- 6:45 - 9:30 PM Vendor set-up in the Library - **vendors only no buyers** - no sales until Saturday.
- 7:30 - 8:15 PM **Interest Session # 3 - Slides Along the Barron Sub - At the Library** - Brian Sykes is a former Cameron WI resident and avid railroad fan. We'll see what this line was like in years past.
- 8:30 - 9:30 PM **Interest Session # 4 - Night Photography - At the Rusk County Visitor Center & Rail Museum** - Rick Martin has been our photography facilitator the past couple of years and tonight, weather permitting, he will set up for a night shoot of the rail equipment at the Rail Museum, including advice on how to get the best shots at night.
- 8:30 - 9:45 PM *If the weather is not cooperating to have Interest Session # 4 above we will have sharing of slides in the library.*
- 10:00 - 11:30 PM The sharing of slides will continue at the Ladysmith Motel & Suites

#### **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2014**

**All interest sessions today will be at the library, 418 W. Corbett Ave. Free shuttle buses will be running between the convention motels and the library between 7:30 AM and 4:30 PM. for participants' convenience.**

- 6:15 - 7:00 AM Registration at St John's Lutheran Church
- 6:30 - 7:30 AM Plated warm breakfast at St John's Lutheran Church
- 6:15 - 7:45 AM Vendor set-up in the library- **vendors only no buyers**
- 8:00 AM - 3:30 PM Vendor sales open to all participants at the library
- 8:00 - 9:30 AM **Interest Session # 5 - Modelers Show & Tell** - Tom Dowling will again facilitate this session for us. Bring your models, in progress or completed, to share with us. Perhaps you want to share a digital picture or pictures with us of your layout, or models. Bring these on a JPG that we can use. This can be a good resource for a future modeling project.

8:15 AM - 4:00 PM **Ladies Only All Day Tour** - Bus will leave from each of the convention motels at 8:15 but the tour includes the plated warm breakfast at St. John's Lutheran Church so breakfast is early -- any time between 6:30 - 7:30 but remember the tour won't officially begin until 8:15. Tour will include an art gallery, a labyrinth garden, quilt, antique, and ice cream shops, lunch at a historical Carnegie library, the Rusk Co. Historical Museum with a special quilt display, and Kent/Dawn's home (Pullman Lounge) and see railroad china, silver, and glass collection. You will also see their flower/plant gardens. Ladies, afternoon refreshments will be available and comfortable shoes are recommended.

- 9:45 - 10:30 AM **Interest Session # 5 - Photographers Show & Tell** - Rick Martin will again facilitate this session for us. Bring your pictures to share with the group. Yes he can work with pictures on a JPG -- maybe even share some favorite night photo shoots.

- 10:45 - 11:30 AM      **Interest Session # 6 - Working on a Soo Line Steam Pile Driver** - Ladysmith native and former Soo Line employee, Walt Good, spent a number of years working on one of the Soo Line railroad pile drivers. Join us as he explains working with this unique piece of Soo Line equipment.
- 11:30 - NOON            Shuttle buses for lunch to the **Veteran's Memorial Assoc. - 605 Summit Ave.**  
 Noon - 1:15 PM        Soup & Sandwich Lunch  
 1:15 - 1:45 PM        Free shuttle buses back to the Library
- 1:45 - 3:15 PM        **Interest Session # 7 - Annual Business Meeting** - President David Leider
- 3:30 - 4:15 PM        **Interest Session # 8 - Rehabing the Barron Sub in Pictures** - Ladysmith native and retired railroad man, Ken Feucht, will talk about the rehabilitation of the line between Poskin and Ladysmith using pictures taken by Kent Ohlfs. Ken started working on the Soo Line right out of high school in 1971. He went on to work for Wisconsin Central Ltd., and Canadian National. Ken retired from CN in December 31, 2012. He started out as a track laborer and worked his way up the latter, relief foreman, asst. foreman, foreman, production supervisor, track supervisor and finished as track supervisor on the Barron Sub upgrade.
- 5:00 - 6:00 PM        Attitude Adjustment Hour at **J S Supper Club & Catering - W9594 HWY 8** - approximately four miles west of Ladysmith on HWY 8 (no shuttle bus service is available for the banquet.) This was formerly Club 8 Supper Club.
- 6:00 - 9:00 PM        **Annual Convention Banquet** - The banquet is buffet style with multiple choices of meats, vegetables, potatoes, salads, soups and desserts. Annual SLHTS Auction will follow the banquet.
- Guest Speaker - Marty Carlson** is a Ladysmith native and former railroad employee. In 1972 he started working extra projects for Soo Line and Milwaukee Road. In 1976 he was promoted to Road Master and worked both Soo & Milwaukee properties. He continued to work Soo/Canadian Pacific in various positions throughout the system. In 1980 Marty was promoted to Trainmaster, and in 1997 he left Soo/CP and went to work for Wisconsin Central/Canadian National. Marty retired from CN on February 28, 2014. is currently working for Source Energy Services in Weyerhaeuser as their traffic manager, and he does assist the training of employees who will become involved with rail cars or locomotive positions.
- SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2014** *Breakfast on your own -- Ladysmith Family Restaurant, Back Door Cafe, Ninth Street Cafe, Bo James, MacDonald's, even Subway -- if you want more than your motel offers.*
- 8:30 - 9:30 AM        **Interest Session # 9 - Board of Directors Meeting** at the Rusk County Visitor Center and Railroad Museum.
- 9:30 AM - NOON        The Rusk Co. Visitor Center and Railroad Museum will be open for our membership to visit as well as the Ladysmith Rail Display.

This is a tentative schedule subject to change.